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HERSETH PRAISES PASSAGE OF SENATE RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL

Gathers Support for Companion Legislation in House to Keep Canadian Border Closed

March 3, 2005, Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth today praised the passage of a Senate Resolution of Disapproval regarding the opening of the U.S.-Canada border to live beef trade. Herseth has sponsored identical, companion legislation in the House: H.J. Res. 23.

Herseth said, “This is another positive step in helping to ensure a safe domestic beef supply for consumers and producers in the United States. Following yesterday’s Federal Court injunction delaying the scheduled March 7th border opening, I am encouraged that pressure is growing to keep the border closed until serious questions about Canada’s BSE control efforts have been answered fully and effectively.”

Herseth noted that House rules do not provide the same process that the Senate has to compel expedited consideration of a resolution of disapproval. In the Senate, as soon as 30 Senators sign a discharge petition on a disapproval resolution, that resolution must be brought to the floor. In the House of Representatives, however, disapproval resolutions are considered in the normal course of business. As such, any disapproval resolution is treated like any regular piece of legislation and is referred to Committee and can only reach the floor under the normal procedures.

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